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Work and Workers.

OF that masterly summary of theological scholarship and lore, the Herzog-Hanck *Realencyklopaedie für protestantische Theologie*, of which the third, practically altogether new, edition is now being issued by the house of Hinrichs, the eighth volume has been completed, and half of the series is now out. The *Encyclopaedia* represents no particular school of theology, but aims at a comparatively complete presentation of both processes and results in the discussion of all the matters that are of concern to the theologian as such.

ACCORDING to the *Literarisches Centralblatt* of April 20, 1901, the number of students in theological universities in Germany during the winter semester was 2,326. In Halle there were 380; Berlin, 366; Leipzig, 296; Tübingen, 261; Erlangen, 171; Greifswald, 142; Göttingen, 110; Königsberg, 92; Strassburg, 83; Marburg, 82; Bonn, 68; Breslau, 65; Giessen, 61; Kiel, 46; Jena, 35; Rostock, 33; Heidelberg, 32. The large attendance at Halle is probably to be credited in large degree to the presence of Beyschlag, Kautzsch, Köstlin, Haupt, and Loofs, as well as of younger men like Steuernagel and Clemen.

SOME years ago a series of novels, evidently from the pen of a skilled church historian, which appeared under the *nom de plume* of "George Taylor," bothered the critics a good deal as to their authorship, until it became known that the writer was Professor Adolf Hausrath, of the University of Heidelberg. The series has been regularly continued, and just recently Professor Hausrath has made a new addition to it, in his *Potamiaena*. The theme is the conflict between Christianity and educated heathenism in the third century after Christ, and the historical background and action are drawn with scholarly correctness.

ONE of the most important meetings ever held by the International Lesson Committee was held in New York city April 18. The outcome of the meeting was in every way hopeful. Before the meeting of the committee itself a number of Sunday-school editors of the different denominations held a meeting and made to the International Lesson Committee the following recommendations:

(1) We desire to commend with all heartiness the plan of including larger passages for study than in previous years, but recommend that the part named for printing be indicated as the lesson; that the text selected be limited to about ten or twelve verses, where possible; that the schedule for lessons for 1902 and thereafter be made to conform thereto; and that, as at present, related passages that naturally belong to the subject under consideration be indicated in addition to illustrate or complete it. (2) We favor a separate course of study for one year, for beginners in Bible study of six years old and under, and we will heartily coöperate with your committee in making a success of such a series as you propose. (3) From our knowledge of the field and the demands of many Bible students we believe that there should be prepared a two-years' course of study, at least, that shall be topical and historical, for adult or senior classes. We think the times are ripe for such a course, and request your committee to provide the same in such way as will not interfere with the present international uniform plan. In making the recommendations we desire to assure your committee of our hearty sympathy with you and your work, and to assure you further of our earnest wish and purpose to conserve the best interests of our common cause and to increase the efficiency of the international lesson system.

To these recommendations the International Committee assented to the extent of naming committees to consider the preparation of new courses of lessons. In our estimation this is one of the most hopeful steps taken in years in the Sunday-school world.

ANOTHER matter of interest to workers in Sunday schools is the recently published *Synopsis of the Report* of the committee on a course of study for graded Bible schools, presented to the Association of Congregational Churches of Illinois at Galesburg, May 21, 1901. The report furnishes a good curriculum for a graded school, as well as other helpful matter. Copies of this very useful pamphlet may be obtained at a nominal price from Rev. W. F. McMillen, secretary of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, Chicago.